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1. AT GOVERNMENT PRESS CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 17 MENTIONED
PARA 9 REFTL, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (MOD) OFFICIAL IN
CHARGE OF ANTI-CORRUPTION INVESTIGATIONS RATH WAS
QUESTIONED CLOSELY ON HIS REVELATION THAT MANY DOCUMENTS
OF MOD FOR PERIOD PRIOR TO 1960 WERE MISSING AND PRE-
SUMABLY HAD BEEN DESTROYED. LOCAL PRESS GAVE MODERATE
COVERAGE TO THIS ASPECT OF LOCKHEED ISSUE.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 20, RATH
EXHIBITED DISGUST AT WAY REPORTERS AT THE PRESS CON-
FERENCE HAD TRIED TO MAKE A BIG THING OF MISSING DOCU-
MENTS. HE SAID THAT IN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF EXPERIENCE
AS AN INVESTIGATOR HE HAS YET TO FIND EVIDENCE OF A
BRIBE IN OFFICIAL FILES. IN ANY CASE, THE MISSING MOD
DOCUMENTS INCLUDE ALMOST ALL THE FILES PRIOR TO 1960,
NOT JUST THOSE DEALING WITH THE PURCHASE OF LOCKHEED
F-104G'S. A GREAT NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAD THE ACCESS TO
OBTAIN AND DESTROY DOCUMENTS. WITHOUT SPECIFIC INFORM-
ATION SUCH AS MIGHT BE CONTAINED IN THE USG MATERIAL
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ON LOCKHEED, THERE IS NO WAY TO LAUNCH AN INVESTIGATION

GIVEN THE GREAT NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND DOCUMENTS INVOLVED. THE FACT OF THE MISSING FILES IS NOT NEW, RATH POINTED OUT. HE FIRST LEARNED OF IT IN 1966, AND HE TOLD THIS TO THE PRESS. RATH ESPECIALLY RESENTS ANY IMPLICATION THAT HE IS PLAYING ELECTION GAMES ON BEHALF OF THE SPD. HE SAID HE IS ENTIRELY FREE OF PARTY CONNECTIONS AND HAS BEEN CALLED A "RED PIG" BY THE CDU AND A "BLACK PIG" BY THE SPD.

3. ON ANOTHER ASPECT OF LOCKHEED CASE, RATH SAID THAT A FORMER LOCKHEED EMPLOYEE IN KOBLENZ, ROHA, HAD TOLD RATH THAT HE HAD TRIED TO GET HAUSER FIRED IN EARLY 1960'S BUT HAD BEEN TOLD BY HIS SUPERIOR, ARCHIE FOLDEN, THAT THEY COULD NOT FIRE HAUSER BECAUSE STRAUSS WANTED HIM THERE. THEN IN 1964, ROHA SAID, STRAUSS HAD TOLD LOCKHEED THAT HE HAD FULFILLED HIS OBLIGATION TO HAUSER BY HELPING HIM GET THE JOB WITH LOCKHEED AND HAD NO OBJECTION IF LOCKHEED WANTED TO LET HIM GO. RATH CONCLUDED FROM THIS AND OTHER INFORMATION HE HAD ON HAUSER THAT IF LOCKHEED MADE ANY ILLEGAL PAYMENTS IN GERMANY THEY DID NOT DO SO THROUGH HAUSER.

4. IN ANOTHER LOCKHEED DEVELOPMENT, AN INTERVIEW WITH CSU CHAIRMAN STRAUSS IN PRO-CSU PAPER BILD ON SEPTEMBER 20 APPARENTLY REFERS TO ALLEGED LETTER FROM ALLEN DULLES TO STRAUSS PRINTED IN BILD SEPTEMBER 19. THIS LETTER INDICATES THAT THERE WAS A USG SUBSIDY PAID TO STRAUSS CONDITIONAL ON SIGNING A CONTRACT WITH LOCKHEED (REPORTED SEPTTEL). STRAUSS SAID THAT THE RUSSIAN SECRET SERVICE IS USING FORGED LETTERS AS PART OF A MASSIVE INTERFERENCE IN THE ELECTIONS, THROUGH A DEFAMATION CAMPAIGN AGAINST STRAUSS AND OTHER INFLUENTIAL LEADERS OF THE CSU. IN THIS, STRAUSS SAID, THE KGB AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAVE THE SAME OBJECTIVE. HILLENBRAND

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